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University keeps it all in the family for commencement

By Ben Lawson
Chief Reporter

Northwest alumnus and United States Army Col. Christopher Hughes is scheduled to address Northwest graduates and their families at commencement ceremonies Saturday, April 30.

Hughes graduated from Northwest in 1983 with an undergraduate degree in political science. While attending school, Hughes was a member of Phi Sigma Kappa, Blue Key, Cardinal Key and the ROTC.

"My time at Northwest taught me values such as hard work and integrity," Hughes said.

Hughes spent 28 years in the United States Army and he currently serves as a special assistant to the deputy commanding General of the Army's 3rd Infantry Division.

He earned a master's degree in business from Webster University and a master's degree in national strategic studies from the National War College in Washington D.C.

In the past, Hughes served as the executive officer to the secretary of the Army, the Army's chief liaison to the

United States House of Representatives and lead terrorism investigator on the USS Cole Commission after the bombing of a ship in Yemen in 2000.

Hughes commanded as many as 4,000 men. He served in military operations in Haiti, Bosnia, Macedonia, Kosovo and Iraq, counter drug projects in Central America and Colombia and humanitarian operations in Nicaragua, Guatemala, Panama and Honduras.

His book "War on Two Fronts: An Infantry Commander's War in Iraq and the Pentagon" won the 2008 Army Historical Foundation Distinguished Writing Award for Excellence in U.S. Army History writing.

Jonathan, Hughes' son, will graduate from Northwest this year. Like his father, upon Jonathan's graduation he will be commissioned as a second Lieutenant in the Army. Christopher Hughes said he is looking forward to returning to Northwest.

"It is a huge honor and thrill to be able to speak at my alma mater, especially because I will be reading my son his Oath of Office that same day," Christopher Hughes said.

Local officials speak on marijuana, its trendy, illegal holiday

By Matt Leimkuehler
Chief Reporter

Marijuana is a drug that circulates around college campuses across the nation. For decades, it has been a challenge most students have to face – whether or not to give in to what is legally right or wrong.

According to www.whitehousedrugpolicy.com, almost 50 percent of college students have tried marijuana in their lifetime and almost 17 percent are regular users (meaning almost daily use). According to the report, marijuana is indeed an addictive drug, contrary to what many may think. It contains withdrawal symptoms similar to that of nicotine, making the user irritable and edgy when not on the drug.

Northwest's Ryan Wessell, who teaches the drug brain and behavior course in the psychology department, agrees that daily use of the drug is not healthy

for any individual, college student or not. Withdraw is difficult to handle, and can add to the everyday stress and emotion a college student has to face.

"They can't handle the stress of everyday life," Wessell said. "The withdrawal symptoms are the opposite of what they are for any drug."

On a larger scale, Wessell believes that marijuana is far less dangerous than alcohol abuse, which is the most commonly abused substance among college students.

"People do not get violent when they're high," Wessell said, but he feels as though there should be certain restrictions that go along with the intake of the substance. "I do not think you should be driving when you're high, you should never drive under the influence."

Students who are open

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Rachelle Brown (R)
Homemaker and small business owner
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Joseph Barbosa
Student-regent, social science education major
Term expires Dec. 31, 2011

BEHIND THE VOTE

A closer look at the Board of Regents

By Brittany Keithley
Editor-in-Chief

According to the Board of Regents web page on the University website, "The board holds the Northwest vision in highest regard." From tuition increases to program cuts, the "vision" comes down to the board and their eight votes. However, as their routine meetings turn into marathon debates, students want to know who makes up our current Board of Regents and if those members hold the Northwest vision in highest regard by way of recent actions.

The Board of Regents is currently made up of people from all walks of life. From entrepreneur to accountant. Dentist to homemaker. However, two positions on the Board are technically vacant - Rachelle Brown and Gary Panethiere's terms expired at the beginning of this year and have yet to be filled. Until the new members are voted in by the Missouri Senate, Brown and Panethiere will continue to lend their services as board members.

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Student e-mail restructuring

Phase 1: April 11, 2011,
New e-mail accounts for all students were created. Existing e-mail accounts are not affected in any way by the new accounts. Your new account will be your snumber@mail.nwmissouri.edu. There are many other new features associated with the cloud e-mail, including Microsoft Office Word, Excel and Powerpoint, document sharing and 25 GB of online storage.

Phase 2: Early July 2011,
E-mail sent to nwmissouri.edu accounts will also be delivered to the cloud. During this phase, you will need to send or move any existing e-mails you want to keep from the nwmissouri.edu account to the cloud mail.nwmissouri.edu account.

Login requires your full snumber@mail.nwmissouri.edu as the Windows Live ID. To access the mail.nwmissouri.edu cloud account the first time, you must change your domain password.

Phase 3: Late Sept., 2011,
The old exchange e-mail at nwmissouri.edu will no longer be available. Any e-mails sent to Snnnnnn@nwmissouri.edu will not be delivered anywhere. You will not be able to log into any student e-mail account @nwmissouri.edu. The only Northwest Missouri State University student e-mail accounts will be accessed at http://outlook.com/mail.nwmissouri.edu. Catbert storage will no longer be available for students since cloud provides 25 GB of storage per student compared to the current 30 MB.

Mycoskie visits

TOMS founder shares his story, the joy of giving

By Ben Lawson
Chief Reporter

“Founder and Chief Shoe Giver” of TOMS Shoes, Blake Mycoskie, spoke at the Ron Houston Performing Arts Center Monday in an effort to motivate young people to make a difference in the world.

Mycoskie, 34, started TOMS Shoes after a vacation to Argentina where he discovered many children did not own shoes. He created his company in 2006 with the idea that for every pair of shoes purchased, a pair would be donated to a child in need.

“By sharing my story I was hoping to dream big and explore many possibilities for their future,” Mycoskie said.

In September, TOMS Shoes announced they have given away over one million pairs of shoes to children in need in 23 countries.

Because of the success of his company, Mycoskie decided to switch from a shoe company to what he calls a “one for one” company. Mycoskie says TOMS will unveil new items, other than shoes, over the summer that the company will sell. Like the shoes, for every item sold an item will be donated to a person in need.

Ten pairs of TOMS were given away to Northwest students at the event. There was a picture of Mycoskie under 10 seats in the Performing Arts Center and students sitting in those seats received a free pair of shoes.

University President John Jasinski attended the event. Jasinski states he is a big supporter of TOMS.



DARRELL LONG | CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

SPORTING A PAIR of his own shoes, Blake Mycoskie, the founder of TOMS Shoes gave a lecture at 7 p.m. Monday in the Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts. He spoke about his experiences in the creation of his company and gave encouraging words on the joy of giving.

Credit hours to change

By Philip Gruenwald
Associate Editor

The federal government may soon increase their involvement in higher education, according to sessions in the Higher Learning Commission's annual conference April 8-12. The Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education's legislation would closely regulate how a higher education institution defines a credit hour.

“Basically, for every hour of credit there is a certain amount of required work,” Provost Doug Dunham said. “And some of it is related to face time, and that's what

the federal government is trying to push.”

The legislation would require a minimum amount of in-class time for a credit hour. For Northwest, that could mean an alteration in upcoming course redesigns, as well as online coursework.

“This is the thing that potentially could affect us: How do we have to demonstrate that our students are spending that certain amount of time outside of class, so that the accrediting body can show the federal government that time equals learning?” Dunham said. “It's frustrating.”

NEWS BRIEFS

2011-2012 Student Senate positions announced

By Trey Williams
News Editor

The results are in and announced. All the voting last week has resulted in appointments for the 89th Student Senate.

Executive President: Andrew Maddox, Executive Vice President: Jordan Raffety, Executive Secretary: Emily Hoffman, Executive Treasurer: Riley Ziemer, Off-Campus Representatives: Anissa DeMarr, Collin DeBuysere, Matthew Fritsch and Stefania Strohman, On-Campus Representatives: Ashleigh Easton, Senior Class: President Jenny Hocker, Serena Euler and Toni Scheloski, Junior Class: President Gunner Sumy, Mel Peitzmeier and Brock Spinner, Sophomore Class: President Tassi Cook

Also on the ballot was Article 5, Section 2, which passed. This means that there will no longer be a representative on Student Senate from the Missouri Academy.

Positions for the freshman class will not be filled until the fall semester.

University orders upgrade for student laptops

By Brittany Keithley
Editor-in-Chief

Northwest placed a \$4.5 million order this week through Hewlett-Packard for new student laptops. Following the Board of Regents vote of approval, John Rickman vice president of information systems sent the order for 6,500 notebook computers to be distributed to full-time students in the fall 2011 semester. The laptops will feature 50 percent more internal RAM storage, a 100 percent increase in disc storage from 80 GB to 160 GB and will be 40 percent faster than the previous version.

Rickman said the upgrade has multiple benefits for students.

“They are a much improved machine in terms of storage and capacity and yet they are going to be compatible,” Rickman said. “This is a big step in power and of course they will be loaded with Microsoft Windows 7 and Microsoft Office 2010, which are both newer versions of software.”



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Thursday, April 28th

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Friday, April 29th

All You Care to Eat Chicken Buffet

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Meet Coach Tjeerdsma

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 30th 1-4pm

Car Show at the Fuel Station

Northwest Football Head Coach Scott Bostwick will judge 2 to 3 p.m. Registration day of show.
(See store for details)

Weekend Events
Apr. 22 Friday
All Day <ul style="list-style-type: none">23-hour quiet hours beginArt Exhibit: African Art Show - Olive DeLuce Fine Arts BuildingClass work endsDelta WeekEarth DayGood FridaySecond block endsTrack & Field at Central Missouri Mule Relays, Warrensburg, MOTrack & Field at Kansas Relays, Lawrence, KSTransfer and Returning Student Orientation and Preregistration for Fall 2011
3:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">Fall 2011 student teachers: Mandatory meeting with University supervisors - Everett W. Brown Education Hall
3:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">Softball at Truman, Kirksville, Mo.
4:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">Baseball at Washburn, Topeka, Kan.
4:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">Spring Art Show and Pottery Sale - Fine Arts Building
7:30 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">Theatre: New Work Showcase with special guest artist Sean Christopher Lewis - Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts
Apr. 23 Saturday
All Day <ul style="list-style-type: none">23-hour quiet hours beginAnnual Plant SaleHorticultural ComplexDelta WeekTrack & Field at Kansas Relays, Lawrence, KS
9:00 am <ul style="list-style-type: none">Spring Art Show and Pottery SaleFine Arts Building
12:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">Baseball at Washburn, Topeka, KS
12:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">Softball at Lincoln, Jefferson City, Mo.
2:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">Theatre: New Work Showcase with special guest artist Sean Christopher Lewis - Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts
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Apr. 24 Sunday
All Day <ul style="list-style-type: none">23-hour quiet hours beginDelta WeekEaster SundaySemana Santa ends, Spain
6:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">End of the Year Celebration - Wesley Student Center
9:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">Wesley Student Center: Pancake Feed - Wesley Student Center

Updates to park proceed

Construction on Old Water Tower Park continues

By Mary Connors
Missourian Reporter

As Maryville's students dive into the last weeks of school in haste for summer vacation, awaiting them sometime this summer will be a renovated playground facility on the corner of Ninth Street and Mulberry.

Maryville's Park and Recreation Board started construction on what used to be known as Water Tower Park about three weeks ago, implementing their five year plan to improve the city's parks. Committed to maintaining the vitality of the park and involving the community, the board invited students from Eugene Field



LORI FRANKENFIELD | CHIEF VISUAL JOURNALIST

WATER TOWER PARK on Ninth Street has been under contraction while Maryville Parks and Recreation has been updating it. The playground consists of swings, a rock wall, and a rope walk.

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Public Safety takes back perscription drugs to avoid abuse

By Leslie Nelson
Chief Reporter

Next week, Nodaway County will participate in the Drug Enforcement Administration's national "Take Back" Initiative.

Maryville Public Safety will take expired and unwanted prescription drugs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 30 at the MaryMart Shopping Center parking lot. They will accept medications this week for those who cannot make the scheduled time.

"We are willing to take back any solid form of medication," Jessica Wilson, Maryville Public Safety officer, said.

Maryville Public Safety will not accept any liquid or intravenous medicines, or illicit drugs.

Wilson said the DEA held their first "take back" initiative last September and collected a total of 121 tons of prescription drugs.

"Prescription drug abuse has become more and more prevalent," Wilson said. "It is actually second to marijuana

usage."

Wilson said abuse of heroin, cocaine and other illegal drugs combined is lower than prescription drug abuse nationwide. The "take back" initiative will also help prevent accidental or intentional overdoses.

"We're trying to catch it at the root of the problem and get it away from people," Wilson said.

The drugs collected will be given to the DEA to be incinerated properly.

"It's not always about shooting the bad guys," Darren White, Nodaway County sheriff, said. "Sometimes it's things like this."

Nodaway County will also collect drugs from 10 a.m. to noon April 30 at the West Nodaway Health Center in Burlington Junction, Mo., and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 30 at Northeast Nodaway High School in Ravenwood, Mo.

"I'm really hoping to get a lot of medicines out of homes and off the streets and get them incinerated," Wilson said.

NEWS BRIEF

City Council

In January, the Maryville City Council began working with Student Senate to provide a student seat on the council. Now, three months later, the bill has been finalized and after much discussion, passed by the city council and Student Senate.

Though the bill has been passed, Student Senate did not appoint a member at their last meeting Tuesday to fill the position.

The new Student Senate President Andrew Maddux will recommend the student liaison and then the rest of the senate body will vote whether or not to approve him or her. The student must be a full-time student, hold junior or senior status and be a resident of Maryville, according to S. Bill No. 4.

The duties of the future student liaison include attending every council meeting, inform the council of University affairs, inform the University of City Council affairs and regularly communicate with both the mayor of Maryville and a Student Senate advisor.

He or she will serve a one-year term, beginning May 1 and ending May 1 the following year. This student will not have voting rights in senate unless he or she is already an elected member. He or she also will not be able to vote on the Maryville City Council.

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INTRO: 4-20 WEED ISSUE

Nationwide, pot use continually increases

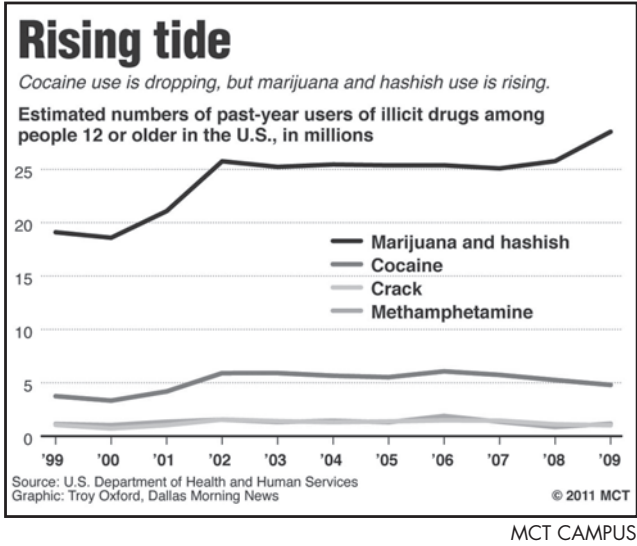
States are split over marijuana legalization. Thirteen have opted to decriminalize the drug, only fining those caught with more than a certain amount. This saves first-time offenders and occasional users from lengthy prison sentences and hefty fines, which opponents say tie up our judicial system.

Additionally, it could open scarce prison cells. In 2005, nine states were at 140 percent of their designed capacity, according to MCT Campus. Only nine states were below maximum capacity. Leaving minor offenders out of prison keeps precious jail cells vacant for the serious offenders, such as dealers, addicts and drug lords. Washington D.C. joins nine

states in approving medical marijuana, but patients must travel to other states to buy the treatment. This is a relatively common hurdle for the controversial legalization; to have state legislators legalize it and then pass laws approving its sale is usually a long process, and only six states have done so.

Missouri could legalize medical marijuana in the next five years, but it could just as easily be a longer struggle than that. Speaker Ron Richard killed the latest legislation introduced in Missouri in September 2010, joining the fates of three other legalization bills in as many years.

In the meantime, Missouri is hung up on banning synthetic



marijuana and other drugs. After becoming the second state to ban K2, state legislators have bath salts in their sight. Certain bath salts have made headlines after users smoked and inhaled them, resulting in respiratory complications.

In recognition of 4-20, the unofficial “National Pot-smoking Day,” the Northwest Missourian explores all sides of the heated discussion. Some will be more blunt than others, but that can be expected when a marijuana debate lights up.

POINT

Enforce our marijuana laws to put a stop to abuse



On Feb. 4, the New York Times published a Quinnipiac University poll that found 71 percent of registered voters would approve legalized medicinal marijuana. It shocked readers, but not as much as another finding: 55 percent of Republicans also support it.

However, just when sky-high public support for medical marijuana seemed to swing the debate, a new medical finding is about to shake things back up. New research has developed practical use for certain compounds in marijuana that would retain the pain-killing power of the drug but eliminate the high, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism in Bethesda, Maryland. Those compounds include active chemicals like THC, which would utilize marijuana’s painkilling power without the psychoactive effect. This ought to make everyone happy, right?

Proponents of medical marijuana pushed to legalize it in order to offer pain relief to patients suffering from cancer, glaucoma and other diseases. But will a marijuana-sourced drug like THC still receive a warm welcome from the pot community, even though it has been reduced to a glorified painkiller? If not, their side of the debate is invalid. If proponents truly want to legalize medical marijuana for pharmaceutical reasons, and not to further other legal-weed agendas, they ought to embrace medical THC.

Medicinal marijuana has gained significant ground in recent years, but recreational marijuana has a long way to go before legalization. America has enough trouble with

alcohol abuse to worry about yet another easily acquired, mood-altering drug. Three million cases of alcohol-induced violent crime occur every year, according to a 2011 study by the NIAAA. Imagine the numbers that marijuana-related crime would produce if it were legal and easier to attain.

Also, legalized marijuana would remove much of the fear and respect it has as a black-market product. Users would underestimate the power of a legal substance over some mysterious product bought illegally from a dealer, and abuse would happen quicker.

The reasons behind legalized recreational marijuana have been uncreative and, frankly, quite lazy. Legalizers often proclaim decriminalization of marijuana as the answer to our overcrowded prisons, murderous drug cartels, gang warfare and congested courtrooms. In other words, they would opt to disregard the moral debate and potentially lethal consequences of the drug, if it meant increased tax revenue and an easier life for our law enforcement and judiciary system.

The same type of people would favor Mexico’s laissez-faire marijuana stance, which allows small “personal” amounts of the drug for recreational use. Users caught with up to four small joints are considered innocent under the controversial August 2009 law.

Our laws and law enforcement are there for a reason: to see that justice is served, regardless of the difficulty. Perhaps our punishment for first-time-offense marijuana users is a bit harsh, but let us discuss that in a capitol building instead of giving in to the thugs on the street. Simply put, Americans must find a way to enforce drug crimes.

COUNTER-POINT

Legalize it to regulate it, stop illegal trafficking



I’ll start with a lesson in democracy. If 71 percent of the voters are in favor of legalizing medical marijuana, why is it still illegal? Even the majority of conservatives are in support of it. Yet, only 36 congressmen sponsored a bill in 2002 that would have allowed states to legalize and distribute medical marijuana. At that time, support for medical marijuana was at 73 percent. Clearly, when the federal government prevents states from legalizing medical marijuana, they are acting against the popular interest.

Sure, the THC-like chemical would make the suffering people happy. People who are in severe pain generally welcome any sort of working painkiller. However, what exactly is the point of removing the psychoactive effect? Are we so bent on preventing people from getting high that we’ll go out of our way to remove the high from an otherwise ideal substance?

If THC was also cheaper or worked more efficiently, then, of course, it would be preferred. But as far as stated here, it’s not either of those things. The argument that THC is better than medical marijuana appears to start with the assumption that getting high is somehow wrong.

The only reason alcohol remains legal today is because Prohibition failed, for many of the same reasons that the current “war on drugs” is failing - there’s far too much popular support of the drug. When you illegalize something, you’re also forcing it to the black market where regulation is at a minimum.

Making marijuana illegal hasn’t stopped people from doing it; it’s just made it a profitable criminal activity. The

illegalization of marijuana, as well as alcohol, was largely fueled by an unjustified moral panic. In addition, unlike alcohol, marijuana is not known to cause aggression in the first place (it generally relaxes users), so the fear that legalizing marijuana will cause greater incidents of violence is unjustified.

Users would also know exactly what product they’re getting when it’s not some mysterious product from an illegal dealer. Abuse happens mostly because of ignorance. If marijuana was legalized, it could be appropriately regulated.

“Moral debate” is a sham used by conservatives to enact anti-liberal policies with no logical justification (including marijuana criminalization). If anything, illegalization increases the health dangers. When something’s illegal and people are buying it anyway, people have to trust the dealer selling it to them instead of being able to rely on the government to keep the product safe. This would apply to anything consumed, such as medicine, recreational drugs or food.

People have the right to make informed choices with their bodies, but the product being available only on the black market largely detracts from the “informed” portion of an “informed choice.”

The only ones giving in to thugs on the street are the ones advocating that the thugs should be the only ones selling marijuana. The “war on drugs” isn’t just costly and difficult; it’s pointless, unnecessary, and almost certainly even detrimental to the situation. Like the point said, our laws and law enforcement are here to see that justice is served. But we don’t need to find a way to prosecute drug crimes, because we shouldn’t have drug crimes in the first place. Let’s let them focus on actual justice, and not this “war on drugs” that we’ve been wasting time and effort on for roughly four decades.

CAMPUS TALK

Should marijuana, recreational or medicinal, be legalized?



“Alcohol, being a legal drug, has caused more deaths than all other drugs combined. Marijuana, being an illegal drug, has very little drug-related deaths.”

Stephen Esser
Computer Science

“I feel like it should not be legalized. Drugs make people do stupid things and we don’t need more dumb people.”

Ashley Brixey
Elementary Education



“Marijuana should be legal because it is major black market business. The government could receive billions in taxes and save millions on enforcement. Legalization will help prevent drug-related crimes.”

Jim Stryker
Undecided

“I don’t think it should be legal, because then it opens the door for other more lethal drugs to possibly become legal as well.”

Amy Wahlgren
IDM: Visual Imaging



“No, because it’s not good. You can’t drive under the influence of it. It takes a lot more alcohol to impact how you drive a vehicle.”

Brett Hilton
Ag Business

“No. There are a lot more things that are worse than marijuana. I mean, with alcohol you have drunk drivers and all that.”

Jasmine Kinsey
Nursing



MY VIEW: FORMER STUDENT SENATE PRESIDENT

Leaving Northwest, saying goodbye to Bearcat family



Maryville is attempting to deliver her last frozen death blow while many of us continue to fight back, sporting the shorts and messy hair that signal the oncoming stress of finals week. The sweetness that follows - our months of sun, lakes and baseball - are enough to keep anyone motivated.

However, as the majority of students look forward to a return to our campus, a fourth of us prepare to swipe our Bearcat Card in a vending machine for the last time. As I slowly pack, it has become increasingly

important for me to simply say, “Thank you.”

Across our campus, a city works to ensure we as students are happy. Of course we’re all familiar with President Jasinski, and know that the decisions he is forced to make on a daily basis guide our University. But this dedication runs deeper than one man—or his family.

Do you know the name of the staff member who cleaned your toilet your freshman year? Probably not, but it was always done. Do you know who plants our trees or paints our walls? Doubtful, but they are perfect.

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dess via a brown paper bag. The sidewalks are always cleaned, regardless of the amount of snow. If you get stuck in an elevator, someone saves you. When a tree branch falls, someone stops to pick it up.

We very often talk about Northwest being a family. We are able to say it because it is true. When the State of Missouri reduced our appropriations, we did not look for services to cut and employees to send home. We viewed it as an opportunity, not a threat. We motivated ourselves around it. We propelled ourselves forward.

Over the past year, I have had the incredible opportunity to sit in on some pinnacle decision-making

meetings. Were there disagreements? Always. Did we ever lose sight of our students? Never. That is what makes us powerful. We understand that as a campus family, at the end of the day, we have to come together. We understand the support for each other is what makes us strong, what makes us better, what makes us Northwest.

Before you drive away - whether for the summer or a few summers - tell someone who has made an impact on your time at Northwest, “Thank you.” Although seemingly meaningless to you, it just might remind them why they are here.

Thank you Northwest, you’ve spoiled me. I will never forget it.

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Soccer Fest raises money for American Red Cross



By Ben Lawson
Chief Reporter

Northwest's Annual Soccer Fest took a new turn this Sunday with efforts to raise money for victims of natural disasters in Japan.

Soccer fans gathered at Bearcat Pitch to participate in 8-on-8 soccer matches and witness a penalty kick shoot-out between Northwest head football coach Scott Bostwick and University President John Jasinski.

Head soccer coach Tracy Hoza decided to use the event to raise money for the American Red Cross to benefit Japan. This is the first year Soccer Fest has supported a charity. Hoza hoped to keep the original concept of the event while still benefiting a good cause.

"The idea of Soccer Fest is for people to come out to play soccer and have some fun," Hoza said.

The program hoped to raise \$1,000 through donations and selling t-shirts donated by the International and Intercultural Center. Hoza said the event surpassed its goal on Sunday but the final count of money raised had not been made.

Hoza decided to use the event as a way to support disaster victims in Japan because of former student Shuhei Sano, who helped organize the event in the past. Sano was Hoza's graduate assistant and organized the first Soccer Fest six years ago. Sano is from Sendai, Japan. "Shuhei always organized the event and, because of the natural disasters, we wanted to

reach out and help in honor of him and any other Japanese student at Northwest," Hoza said.

Sano graduated from Northwest with an undergraduate degree in business in 2008 and with a master's degree in sports administration in 2010. This is the first year since Soccer Fest's creation that Sano had not helped to organize it.

Neither Sano nor his family were injured because of the natural disasters, but they have been forced to evacuate their homes. According to Sano, it will be a long time before he can return to his normal life.

Soccer Fest began and ended with a message from Sano. He welcomed people to the event and thanked participants and donors for their support. He ended his message to the Northwest community with, "Once a bearcat, always a bearcat."

A total of 11 teams participated in the 8-on-8 soccer matches. Members from Northwest soccer team, men's club soccer team, football team, Northwest alumni and high school students from Maryville and surrounding communities competed in the event. The Northwest men's club soccer team won the event, with the football team taking second place.

Jasinski and Bostwick each had a team of five for the penalty kick shoot out. Team Jasinski scored two goals, beating Team Bostwick with only one goal.

Team Bostwick consisted of Bostwick, Maryville police officer Matt Hoza, Assistant Director of Athletics Lori Hopkins, head men's basketball coach Ben McCollum and Assistant Director of Athletics Mark Clements.

Team Jasinski consisted of Jasinski, Director of International Affairs Jeff Foot, Head Athletic Trainer Kelly Quinlin, Spanish professor Paco Martinez and professor of communication Bayo Oludaja.

The Northwest soccer team and men's club soccer team hosted a free youth clinic Wednesday at Bearcat Pitch for kids of all ages. In exchange, Northwest soccer asked for old soccer equipment or monetary donations to be given to the United States Soccer Foundation's Passback Program. The program is designed to meet the soccer uniform and equipment needs of players in all types of communities. All donations given at the clinic will go to Sendai, Japan.

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REGENTS

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nor Jay Nixon has appointed two people to fill the current void, Senator Brad Lager has yet to confirm these appointments and send them on to the Senate floor to be voted on. The Senator has sat on these appointments for the past two months.

Why, then, have the appointments for the new board members not been confirmed? Though due process is an absolute must when it comes to appointing someone in such a highly regarded position, it seems as though a matter of this magnitude would take top priority in ensuring the integrity of the institution that is the Board of Regents.

Dean Hubbard, former University president of 25 years, felt the length of terms

and the time frame new regents were appointed helped reduce any agenda that might come into play.

“It’s structured in Missouri, they have staggered terms, six years, which it seemed to me that the system was designed to overlap with governor terms so there wouldn’t be that likelihood of it being politicized,” Hubbard said.

Hubbard noted that during his 25 years with the regents, those appointed would disconnect from any outside alliances and meet with the best interest of the University in mind.

“Once they were in the board meeting, they were there to represent the University, not a particular party,” Hubbard said. “Most board members when they get on the board they want to do the best job for the University and for the students.”

With the University “vision” in mind and other alli-

ances set aside, why did the Board of Regents vote down a proposed tuition increase that was supported by the majority around campus? Even the students realized a hike in fees was necessary as represented by student regent Joseph Barbosa.

Regent Joe Bosse recently gave insight to his thought process and how he evaluates the proposals presented to the board.

“Everybody tries to do what they think is best,” Bosse said. “My only problem is I’m a logical, analytical type person. Give me the facts, give me the figures and I can help make a decision. I don’t care who wants me to vote that way, who doesn’t, give me the facts, give me the figures, tell me what’s in the best interest short-term, long-term for the school and everybody at the school.”

Using reason and logic alone, the financial state of

the University and the impact of not approving the proposed tuition increase brings into question why majority of members (5-3) voted against the proposal made by the vice president of Finance, Stacy Carrick.

During the past two years the University has held tuition flat while realizing 12 percent cuts in state appropriations (Missouri ranks 49th in per-student appropriations). Enrollment rose 17 percent and there have been department cuts of 18-20 percent. All the while it has been reported that the University’s Composite Financial Index is on the rise.

Some Board members suggested using University reserves to cover the \$1.1 million budget gap. In times of economic struggles certain measures must be taken to cover unavoidable shortfalls. It seems that such a move would go against recent University measures to build the reserves

and stabilize its financial status.

Regent Rachelle Brown stated in the last meeting that she “...has a responsibility to Missouri tax payers, and not those of other states” in reference to not raising in-state tuition while raising out-of-state tuition. It’s great that she supports in-state students, however 26 percent of the current student body is from a state outside of Missouri. From a business perspective, alienating a quarter of your customer base would more than likely prove detrimental.

Though the Board of Regents did ultimately pass a tuition increase, it was much lower than what the proposal suggested. The difference between the initial proposal and the tuition increase that was passed amounts to roughly \$100 per student. If the proposal presented by Carrick—which had been approved by the Scholarship Committee,

Provost Doug Dunham and President John Jasinski—had passed Northwest would still have shortfalls of between \$300,000-\$400,000 versus the \$1.1 million shortfall of the tuition increase that passed.

Board member Lydia Hurst mentioned multiple times at the last meeting that we must learn to live within our means. It seems though, from examining the developing reserves and the reported CFI that the University has made a considerable effort to live within its means through cuts and increased saving, all the while keeping tuition stagnant.

The question, then is not why or for what reasons the tuition increase wasn’t passed as its initial proposal by financial experts. Rather, who has the best interests of the University’s vision - being the university of choice for a comprehensive, exceptional student experience - in mind?

PARK

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Elementary, Maryville Middle School, Horace Mann Laboratory School and St. Gregory Barbarigo School to participate in naming the park.

Kim Walker, a computer applications teacher at Eugene Field Elementary and Maryville Park and Recreation board member, shared details and expressed her enthusiasm about the name assigning process.

with the Kansas City company involves building a retaining wall on the west side of the court, replacing the basketball post and its square boards and placing a two inch overlay on the court for leveling purposes. The parking lot will also receive fresh asphalt to provide more efficient parking to the community.

Auxier said that the toughest aspect of this process was something that no one could control.

“The weather has been a major challenge for us, especially with laying down asphalt,” Auxier said. “Aside from that, there was a long delivery for the climbing boulders that came from California and their installation process is tough.”

Aside from the project’s setbacks, the board remains positive about the overall outcome and looks forward to choosing a name from the student entries.

“The board picks their top two or three names of the 300 entries and once selected, the winner will be recognized at the ribbon cutting and receive a household pool pass for the summer,” Auxier said.

Once completed, the renovations will not stop there. The Parks and Recreation board plans to renovate Sisson Eek, Franklin and Sunrise Park. Beal Park’s wooden outfield fence will be replaced as early as this spring.

The involvement of up-grading and maintaining the city’s established parks is one of the many efforts made by the Park and Recreation board in ensuring sustainability and safety of the parks and its users.

CREDIT

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trating, but I do understand why the federal government is doing this.”

Increased stress on the federal budget could mean that the ED wants to see more results from their financial assistance monies, hence the change.

Dunham says the idea is troubling because it represents a step backwards in learning styles. Northwest had progressed past the

“time equals learning” equation and has been innovative in competency-based learning.

“If there’s going to be a federal definition of the credit hour, does that mean that we’ll all have to have some minimum standard?” Dunham said. “So think about Wash U, Harvard, Northwest, University of Missouri – should we all have to expect the same thing of our students? No, that doesn’t make any sense. But if you take this definition that they’re using to the extreme, in a sense, that’s what they’re

saying.”

The ED adopted their final regulations on the credit-hour requirements in fall 2010, but were slow to report the details on how to implement the changes. It was one of the central objectives of this year’s HLC conference.

“The Commission’s next Board of Trustees meeting takes place in late June, and at that meeting the Board will review on first reading a proposed policy on implementation of the credit hour regulation,” HLC President Sylvia Manning said.

On March 31, the HLC

announced an update to higher education institutions on the legislation’s status. It contained a letter from the ED that set a deadline of July 1, 2011 for all credit hour changes. However, institutions “in the process of complying with these changes” will likely pass the ED review.

Northwest falls into that category, according to Dunham.

“I think we’re in pretty good shape because we’ve been doing things the right way for a pretty long time,” Dunham said. “Whatever changes we have to comply with, we’ll comply.”

WEED

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about their marijuana smoking hope that one day the drug is federally legalized, but Wessell feels as though their hopes are in vain. Although he does feel that legalization would decrease border crimes and drug trafficking, it does not seem to be in the near future on the federal agenda.

“The states are polarized, it’s a state issue,” Wessell said. “I know in Michigan, for example, it was a bipartisan issue. Both the republicans and demo-

crats were for the legalization for medical use.”

According to a report by selfcounseling.com, many frequent marijuana users suffer from a motivational syndrome, for example, where they adopt irrational sleeping habits and start skewing their priorities or skip classes and only do things that pertain to their immediate enjoyment.

Wessell feels as though many give in to marijuana simply from peer pressure, making it hard for their habit to break.

“They want to be cool, they want to try it, their friends are doing it,” Wessell said. “Some end up liking it and some don’t.”

TOMS

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“They’re comfortable. I wear them because of what they represent. Mycoskie has created a good work environment and he focuses a lot on the culture of work,” Jasinski said.

Jasinski and his wife, Denise, posted tweets last week when they are wearing their TOMS shoes and students who take photos with the Jasinskis and upload them to Facebook or Twitter to win a free pair of TOMS shoes.



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"Some people are like, 'Well, when you're not on duty, you're not on duty.' But see, they don't get it. I don't get paid every day, but I'm a soldier 24/7."

- Mark Corson

General and professor Mark Corson returns to second love, teaching.

By Trey Williams
News Editor

"My four favorite letters of the alphabet are NSTR (Nothing Significant To Report) because that means nobody got blown up... and almost every other day, someone was blowing up our trucks," Mark Corson said.

Corson is a 28-year Army veteran, a one-star general and an associate professor at Northwest. He returned home April 14 from Iraq after serving a 15 month stint with the Army Reserves.

Corson's dedication to the Armed Forces began in high school, carried over to a ROTC scholarship at the University of San Francisco and into a tour in Germany as a tank officer. But when his active duty ended 11 years later and the opportunity to teach presented itself Corson took it and found a second love.

"After two years at West Point, I figured out that I loved teaching just as much as I loved soldiering," Corson said.

However, in his 14th year at Northwest, Corson is still deeply committed to the Armed Forces and continues to serve in the Army Reserve. In his recent deployment, the third while at Northwest, Corson took part in "Operation New Dawn" which involved the movement of 80,000 military personnel and all of their equipment out of Iraq.

"If you think about it, basically we took St. Joe and we moved it," Corson said. "One of the government watch-dog agencies, the Government Accounting Office said, 'the plan won't work, you won't make it,' and we finished 10 days early, so I guess they were wrong."

Corson takes his role within the military with the utmost honor, pride and privilege.

"I don't want to sound like I'm brag-

ging, but I'm very fortunate to have had this opportunity to serve at this level," he said. "Because it's rare, most people don't get to do it... People have asked me, 'How selective is it to be a one-star general in the Army Reserve?' Your statistical probability of being a one-star general is less than half a percent."

Corson said that people used to consider the commitment to the Army Reserve one weekend a month and two weeks a year, however, that has changed—and Corson brings his work home with him.

"It'll be easy enough to come back because I'm looking forward to going back to the classroom and re-connecting with the students," Corson said. "But by the same token, I still command the 130d ESC and I still have 6,000 troops and 77 units over eight states that I'm responsible for."

Corson's day begins the same whether home or away. He wakes up early, around 5:30 a.m., and begins physical training. But instead of then heading off to debriefing meetings, he prepares for his classes at 9 a.m. and still manages to make his military related phone calls and fill out paperwork throughout the day.

"Some people are like, 'Well, when you're not on duty, you're not on duty.' But see, they don't get it. I don't get paid every day, but I'm a soldier 24/7," Corson said. "In fact, the bosses here said, 'We're a little confused, which is the part-time job? Us or them?' And I said, 'What if we just agreed I had two full-time jobs?'"

Though fully dedicated and committed to his role as a one-star general, Corson makes time for teaching, his second love. Teaching political geography, military geography, geography of Europe, the Middle East and principles

"It'll be easy enough to come back because I'm looking forward to going back to the classroom and re-connecting with the students."

Mark Corson

of humanitarian aid, Corson said the University benefits from his travels because he brings back real-world experience to the courses he teaches.

Corson has dealt with issues that many who come back from service deal with, such as anger and behavioral issues. But he seems to have found a way to deal with it gracefully.

"I still have the propensity to get angry very quickly, but because I know that now, I just don't," he said. "I don't think you'll find anybody who's really seen me angry... but like I said, this is my third deployment so you kind of get used to it and you kind of figure it out."

As a one-star general, a college professor, a husband and a father to two girls, Mark Corson's responsibilities are many. Even though he is happy to be home and his priorities may slightly shift, the Army has been his home away from home for 28 years.

"Even though I was away from my family and my University-family, I was with my other family," Corson said. "You know, that's my band of brothers and sisters over there and it was a privilege to serve those folks."



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What's HOT

“Rio” is fun for all

Topping this week’s box office is the story of the blue bird that could in the movie “Rio.” Parents and kids alike have found something to enjoy with this fun family flick.

Palin aide releases a tell-all book

Following Sarah Palin on her journey from Alaska governor to McCain running mate seemed to be quite an adventure already, until we found out someone would be writing a tell-all book. “Blind Allegiance to Sarah Palin,” is scheduled to be released May 24.

What's NOT

Killer twisters

The South continues to recover after a series of devastating tornadoes ripped through states like North Carolina and Virginia this week.

The south cannot catch a break

The threats of tornadoes does not seem to affect Texas, not because they are in the clear, but because they are too busy trying to put out a series of wildfires that have already destroyed dozens of homes.

Old thriller finds new face

By Ty Stevens
Convergence Editor

Nearly 11 years after the last installment, “Scream 4” has come back to the silver screen, for better or for worse. Sidney Prescott (Neve Campbell) is returning to her hometown as the last stop on her book tour, having written a memoir about all she has survived. Sidney is accompanied on her adventure of horror by Gale Weathers (Courtney Cox) and Dewey Riley (David Arquette) as well as a slew of new up-and-comers. The movie gets a little disjointed toward the middle, as the full cast is introduced. The viewer has to keep up with the older “original” generation as well as the new teen generation currently in high school. This balancing act is a bit distract-

ing, especially in the middle of the movie as we jump back and forth between groups. “Scream 4” brings together a very talented cast. Emma Roberts stars as Sidney’s cousin and pulls off the “girl next door” vibe quite nicely. Hayden Panettiere does a nice job playing the spunky rocker, and, of course, Campbell, Cox and Arquette bring a solid performance to the screen. As with all Scream movies, the characters rely on horror films to determine what the killer might do next. “Scream 4” does not depart too much from this equation, however, the movie does seem to poke fun at the “reboot” fad that is going on in Hollywood. This idea of a reboot plays nicely into the film as does the technological gap between the two generations in the film. Even the killer’s motives are a nice new-age twist giving the franchise a breath of fresh air. The fact that seven Saw movies have been released in the span between “Scream 3” and “Scream 4” is not lost on the film and provides for a few funny moments. As a whole, the movie is a bit predictable. Although there were plenty of “jump out of your chair” moments, some of the surprises could be seen a mile away. With that said, the movie is good for fans of the series, however, newer audiences who are not familiar with the “Scream” films might be lost on some of the inside jokes. This movie gets a 3/5. It is far better than “Scream 3,” and as good as “Scream 2” but nothing tops the original.



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THE STROLLER

Angry Birds, why are you so angry?

Since the introduction of the puzzle video game “Angry Birds,” the greatest philosophical minds on the planet have contemplated the big questions. Who are these Angry Birds? Why are they so angry? Is there such a thing as heaven and hell? And if so, can I play “Angry Birds” there? I’m no ornithologist, but I know a thing or two about these “Angry Birds.” This week, Your Man takes you deep inside the history and mindset of these furious fowl. The Angry Birds appear to be a mixture of several bird species, namely the finch, the cardinal, a cockatoo, some sort of woodpecker and what appears to be a blue-footed booby. (The last one doesn’t really apply. I just wanted to say booby.)

As to my second musing, why are they so angry, I have several hypotheses. Maybe they had their money on their avain amogos, the Jayhawks, making it to the Final Four. Maybe they just ate some of the food from our cafeteria. (Never gets old, does it?) I’ve been studying these pugnacious pigeons for quite awhile now, and I think they’re angry because they are frequently subjected to “Family Guy” reruns. Remember that one tasteless and unoriginal episode of “Family Guy?” It was almost as bad as the time we watched that tasteless and unoriginal episode of “Family Guy.” (Did you see what I did there?) Maybe we’ll never truly know who these birds are. Maybe their

intrigue will remain as one of the universe’s biggest mysteries, such as “If God exists, why is there evil in the world?” or “Which came first – the chicken or the egg?” or “Which seat can I taataake?” If you’re one of those people who are worried about the blood pressure of these constantly crabby crows, get over it, you hippie. If these Angry Birds were anything but angry, what would you do with your thumbs for two hours a day? Text your friends and tell them to play “Happy Hooters?” Wait, on second thought, that game sounds awesome. Where can I get it?

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SUDOKU Solutions

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS
- 1 Purchases

5 One way to cope

10 Key of Brahms’s Symphony No. 3

14 Midwest native

15 Speeder’s downfall

16 Attorney general under Clinton

17 Long story

18 African title of respect

19 Earth, in Essen

20 OPIE

23 China’s Sun ___ - sen

24 Gallery administrator’s deg.

25 Cry of success

26 “Wait, there’s more ...”

29 Ring 5-Downs

32 Last: Abbr.

34 OBIE

40 ___-B: dental brand

41 Trail

42 In charge of

43 OKIE

48 Just fine, at NASA

49 Hors d’oeuvre spread

50 Fairbanks-to-Anchorage dir.

51 To the rear

54 Afternoon break

56 Sportscaster Cross

58 ODIE

65 Leaf-to-branch angle

66 Threshing instrument

67 Sculptor’s material

68 Anatomical blood carrier

69 Specialty

70 Queen’s home

71 Blue-pencil

72 Shore eagles

73 River to the North Sea

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- 1 Northwestern pear

2 Where Pioneer Day is celebrated

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By Bernice Gordon

- 3 Teammate of Mickey and Whitey

4 Simmons alternative

5 Settler?

6 Early light

7 “Bonanza” brother

8 Flier until ‘91

9 Waiter’s burden

10 Thrown in

11 Like Hood’s men

12 Tennis great Agassi

13 Down under kids

21 Thrown missile

22 ___ Cynwyd, Philadelphia suburb

26 Tiny particle

27 Dragster’s org.

28 Campus VIP

30 Kodak product

31 Rascal

33 “___ Clock Jump”: Harry James recording

35 A, in communications

36 Cancún quencher

37 Miles per gal., points per game, etc.

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- 38 Roger of “Cheers”

39 Made faces, perhaps

44 Roast, in Rouen

45 Painter of Southwestern scenes

46 Puts down

47 “The King and I” actress, 1956

51 Desert growth

52 Sent, in a way
- 53 Pop singer Lopez

55 “It’s ___ nothing!”

57 French hot springs town

59 In need of tuning

60 Do some mending

61 Location

62 “The Whiffenpoof Song” collegians

63 Church section

64 Certain colorist

BASEBALL

MIAA STANDINGS		
Overall	MIAA	
Emporia St.	33-4	29-3
Central Mo.	30-6	25-5
Neb. Omaha	24-11	20-10
Fort Hays.....	20-16	17-13
Mo. Western....	18-18	17-14
NORTHWEST	15-21	14-16
Washburn.....	13-20	13-16
Truman	15-21	14-18
Mo. Southern	16-22	12-20
Pitt. State	14-22	10-22
Lincoln (Mo.)	10-23	9-23
S.W. Baptist	6-27	5-25

Friday:
NORTHWEST at Washburn
Lincoln (Mo.) at Mo. Southern
Emporia St. at Central Mo.
Mo. Western at S.W. Baptist
Saturday:
NORTHWEST at Washburn

SOFTBALL

MIAA STANDINGS		
Overall	MIAA	
Neb.-Omaha	34-6	11-1
Emporia St.	31-8	11-1
Mo. Western.....	29-8	9-1
NORTHWEST ..	21-13	10-4
Mo. Southern ...	22-17	5-5
Central Mo.	21-19	6-6
Fort Hays.....	20-18	5-9
Lincoln (Mo.) ...	14-22	5-9
Truman	14-22	5-9
Washburn.....	12-22	3-9
S.W. Baptist	5-19	3-11
Pitt. State	9-27	2-10

Friday:
NORTHWEST at Truman
Mo. Southern at Emporia State
Washburn at S.W. Baptist
Neb.-Omaha at Lincoln (Mo.)
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BAKER

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“That’s not managing your pitching staff very well, and I’ll be the first to admit that,” Scarbrough said. “But, Jonathan is a big, strong kid. (Monday) night, he avoided me when he came off the field and would go to the other end of the dug-out. Anytime I would say ‘J.B., one more?’ He’d say ‘I got this, Tom, I got this.’ He didn’t want any part of coming out.”

Tuesday night’s game against Cameron, who defeated Lafayette 4-3 in 10 innings Monday night, was postponed until Wednesday due to inclement weather.

“I don’t know what to expect of Cameron,” Scarbrough said. “I’m assuming they’re as competitive as any of our MEC opponents. They beat a very sound Lafayette team in 10 innings, so I’m assuming if Lafayette is very good, (Cameron) will be very good.”

Results were unavailable as of press time.

The other semifinal match-up featured Savannah and Benton.

The winner of each game will play for the Pony Express Tournament Championship at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at Phil Welch Stadium in St. Joseph, Mo., followed by the third-place game at 6:30 p.m.

OMON

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San Francisco).”

While players are currently restricted from attending team facilities or participating in team affiliated activities, Omon is not wasting any opportunity to better himself or his chance of catching on in San Francisco.

Three days a week, Omon puts his legs and body through a series of workouts that result in what he calls “hell.”

Under the watchful eye of Athletic Republic Coordinator Darci Shuster, Omon exhausts his legs on a combination of an inclined treadmill, resistance bands and plyometric exercises.

“He’s got his head set on straight,” Shuster said. “He’s not like (a prima donna). He’s not like that, one ounce or a bit. That makes it enjoyable to work with someone like that.”

Between gasps for air, dripping with sweat and muscles straining, Omon admitted Shuster’s training regiments have him feeling better physically than ever.

Unfortunately, Omon was not feeling the same the first day he walked into

“hell.”

Omon said in his entire life he has never felt the urge or need to throw up. He was quick to point out that he did his first day with Shuster on the treadmill.

Shuster looks on, using her hand as a safety net so Omon is not to fall off the treadmill, which is inclined 35 degrees, but feels no pity.

“That’s what he’s paid to do,” Shuster said.

Well, kind of.

As of right now, any player who spent all 34 weeks of the regular season on the active roster will receive up to \$60,000, according to NFL Network Insider Jason LaConfora. There was no men-

never seen.

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Now, enough with the past: It’s time to look forward to next year.

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With a new quarterback

tion of payment for players who did not spend the full season on active rosters, a category in which Omon falls into.

For now though, Omon is preparing for one thing and one thing only: his opportunity.

“The NFL is all about opportunity,” Omon said. “It’s all about the opportunities you get, most the times it’s from injuries. So, you just have to take advantage of your opportunities.”

For Omon, he hopes the lockout is eventually resolved, but for now he’s okay with taking it one day at a time with his family by his side.

2011

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on a crucial two-point conversion, the season was filled with suspense.

But let’s not forget the heroics that rode on sophomore kicker Todd Adolf’s leg at Central Missouri. Not only did he crush the 48-yard field goal, but he also preserved the ‘Cats’ fourth straight MIAA Championship.

While there was no return trip to Florence this year, Northwest saw its first player make the Harlon Hill

finalist list in senior quarterback Blake Bolles.

But, don’t let football steal the show. New head volleyball coach Jessica Rinehart and a resilient senior class helped lead Northwest to its first appearance in the NCAA tournament since 1981.

Prior to making the tournament, Rinehart and the Lady ‘Cats knocked off No. 2 Washburn in stunning fashion in front of a pinked-out home crowd.

Sticking with the women, head basketball coach Gene Steinmeyer took a practically unknown bunch to a level of basketball the University had

never seen.

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at the helm of the team for the first time in two years, Northwest faces a season with much uncertainty. The return of a pair of All-Americans in wide receiver Jake Soy and tackling machine Chad Kilgore is sure to excite any green and white clad bleacher bum.

Rinehart is sure to light the fire early under the volleyball girls, while Steinmeyer will set out to build another tournament appearance with his returning pieces.

Too bad you have to wait all summer to see what’s in store for the men and women who sport the green and white.

GOLF

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same level,” Ricks said. “We don’t have that one person that shines, which is good.”

The ‘Hounds pulled out another win with a team score of 142, finishing 13 strokes ahead of Savannah.

“This is the third time that they have won this tournament since the seniors have been golfing together,” Ricks said.

Yesterday the team

traveled to Savannah, Mo. for the Midland Empire Conference Tournament. Results were unavailable as of press time.

“This is the best team that I’ve had on the boys’ team since the last state championship team we had and unless a wheel falls off, these boys are going to state,” Ricks said.

The ‘Hounds tee-off at the Chillicothe Tournament today and begin district play next Wednesday at Fairview Golf Course in St. Joseph, Mo., for a shot to move on to sectionals.

SCORE

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pointing factor. It was frustrating that our team didn’t score better or perform better. If we would have just shot our average for the season – we could have been in second place... Frustrating is the best way to describe it because I really thought we were going to do really well.

Lowell finished in a tie for 23rd at the conference tournament. Senior Jessica Feuerbach was the top Bearcat finisher at eighth place.

“I think it was a combination of things really,” McLaughlin said. “A combination of having seniors wanting to play their in their last tournament feeling additional pressure, freshmen playing their first Conference tournament – playing against seasoned veterans in the conference. It wasn’t a lack of effort on the girls’ parts, I just

think they were somewhat taken back by conference – this was a different type of tournament for them.

“We had played tough teams in the past and had been very successful. I think it’s the entire championship atmosphere – that everyone wants to do well at the conference championship and that additional pressure can sometimes cause you to make some mistakes.”

With seven incoming freshmen coming into the program, the opportunity for Lowell’s performance this year to inspire the new recruits is possible. McLaughlin hopes that is indeed the case.

“Gosh one of my teammates won freshman of the year last year – what a great honor – I would like to be that person next year,” McLaughlin said. “It would give them a little added incentive too – to be the best freshman next year as well. And I would love to see that – every year. Just keep it going –that means we’re getting good recruits.”

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JASON LAWRENCE | ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

SOPHOMORE PITCHER JONATHAN Baker fires a pitch toward homeplate in the 'Hounds' April 11 win over East Buchanan. Baker went all seven innings Monday night in Maryville's 3-2 victory over Central.

Late rally caps upset of Central

Baker, Scarbrough show resilience in Tournament

By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

One play, an out, showed the Spoofhound baseball team that they could play with anyone, including bigger schools, like St. Joseph Central. "We had a play with runners on second and third with one out and we ran a squeeze play and the dog-gone kid was safe," head coach Tom Scarbrough said. "He was called out, but the kids realized right then they could play with these guys and they did it." The 'Hounds completed the comeback on a line drive

through the left side of the infield by sophomore right fielder Tyler Tripp, taking a 3-2 lead into the top of the seventh inning. In the bottom of the sixth, with the score tied 2-2, senior third baseman Adam Anderson walked to open the inning and junior catcher Payton Scarbrough, who went 3-for-4, was intentionally walked with two outs before Tripp's liner scored freshman Trent Nally, who came on to pinch run for Anderson. Sophomore Jonathan Baker got the start for the 'Hounds and gave up a run in both the first and second innings to dig himself an early hole. Baker settled down, the defense locked in and the Maryville offense resorted to small-ball to chip away at the lead. The 'Hounds scored a single run in the bottom of the fourth and fifth innings before Tripp's game-winning RBI single. "We pecked at them, one run at a time," Scarbrough said. "Play good hard defense, get a run. Play more good, hard defense, get a run. Next thing you know, we're in the seventh inning and we're winning." Baker went out to finish what he started, sitting the Indians down in order in the top of the seventh. Baker completed the last two games he started for Maryville.

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Stiens nets 5 goals

By Chris Schoonover
Missourian Reporter

The Spoofhound girls' soccer team filled up the net Tuesday night against Chillicothe. The 'Hounds (7-0) scored their first goal two minutes into the game and did not look back as they dominated the pitch, 10-0. "I knew we had the potential to win games like this," head coach Bayo Oludaja said. "I was just waiting to see how it would all come together." Sophomore forward Alyssa Stiens led the way, finishing with five goals on the night. Senior midfielder Amy Van de Ven had an assist to go along with her hat trick. Junior midfielder McKenzie O'Donnell added two goals and one assist in the winning effort. Another key in the victory was the smothering Maryville defense that has only allowed two goals on the season. "They work together very

well," Oludaja said. "We have not arrived by any means because I have to remind them that when we do not have the ball, everyone is supposed to be on defense." Even with the large margin of victory, Oludaja expects better things out of this high scoring group. "We are still not where we need to be yet," Oludja said. "Given their potential, we could do a lot more because there were still goals that we missed that I don't think we should have missed." Oludja also believes that the sky is the limit for the undefeated 'Hounds. "We certainly do have the opportunity and the caliber of players to win conference and districts," Oludja said. "We definitely have the group that can leave their mark on every team they play." The 'Hounds are back in action Friday and Saturday in the North Kansas City Tournament at Staley High School.

Domination for undefeated golf

By Orlando Carrizales
Missourian Reporter

With a group of late season wins, the Spoofhound golf team remains undefeated. Last Thursday the team traveled to Savannah, Mo. where senior Matt Downing shot a match-low 39 to pace the 'Hounds. Seniors Trevor Shell and Spencer Barr finished a stroke behind Downing, while sophomore Trey Maughan hit a 41. The 'Hounds thumped the Savages by 39 strokes, 160-199. "It's almost beyond comprehension to watch these boys to see where these boys came from, to see where they are now," head coach Brenda Ricks said. "I'm feeling optimistic and I feel they can do

great things." On Saturday the team hosted Mid-Buchanan at Mozingo Lake Golf Course. Shell led the pack shooting a team-low 39, while Downing and senior Tanner Reames followed Shell, each finishing at 40. The 'Hounds crushed the Dragons by 50 strokes, 160-210. Nine schools traveled to Maryville on Monday to compete in the Maryville Invitational. Four of the five varsity players finished in the top 10 with Barr finishing in 11th place. Shell and Reames finished in the top five shooting 77 and 76, respectively. "At this point in time, I have five golfers at all the

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SENIOR TREVOR SHELL birdy putts on the par five, 15 hole. Shell finished first overall, leading Maryville to a first place finish in the MEC Championships on Wednesday.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

BEARCATS

Alec Rosales



Sophomore second baseman Alec Rosales went 7-for-12 with five RBIs and three runs scored in Northwest's series win over Pittsburg State last weekend.

Sureena Weir



Senior Sureena Weir won her singles match 6-1, 6-0 on Monday and teamed with junior Allison Wulff for an 8-2 doubles victory in the final match of the year.

Jonathan Baker



Sophomore pitcher Jonathan Baker went the distance in Maryville's 3-2 come-from-behind victory over St. Joseph Central Monday night.

Alyssa Stiens



Sophomore forward Alyssa Stiens torched the Chillicothe defense for five goals in Maryville's 10-0 win over the Hornets on Tuesday night.

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Lowell nabs MIAA
Freshman of the
Year honors

By Bryce Mereness
Chief Sports Reporter

The Northwest women's golf team wrapped up the most successful season in program history.

The MIAA coaches voted Freshman Cassie Lowell Freshman of the year. Lowell was also the only freshman on the All-MIAA team.

"It's a great tribute to her and her efforts," head coach Pat McLaughlin said. "We're very proud of her. I think it also reflects well on our program to show that we're moving in the right direction."

The team came into the MIAA Tournament on the heels of two straight victories.



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SENIOR JESSICA FEUERBACH chips on the first hole during the Green and Gold Shootout at Mozingo Lake Golf Course on April 4. Feuerbach placed eighth overall during the 'Cats' fifth place finish at the MIAA Championships on Monday and Tuesday.

The fifth place finish was a disappointing finish to a successful year.

"I was really excited going into the conference tourna-

ment because the girls were playing so well that the expectations of them continuing to play well certainly were there," McLaughlin said. "The

performance was not up to their expectations nor mine of course and that was the disap-

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Anderson, bats
searching for wins

By Chris Schoonover
Missourian Reporter

After a strong start, the Bearcat softball team is trying to get their season back on track.

Throughout the year, the 'Cats (21-13, 10-4 MIAA) have been led by sophomore pitchers Morgan Brunmeier and Jenna Cregar.

"Our pitching has been there and our defense has been too for the most part," head coach Ryan Anderson said.

Offensively, the 'Cats are led by senior outfielder Kit Daugherty with a .378 batting average and five homeruns.

"She has hit well all year," Anderson said. "We still need some more bats coming along in the lineup."

The 'Cats dropped five out of their last eight games heading into the final eight regular season games, primarily due to the lack of

offense as the 'Cats were outscored 21-10 during that stretch.

"We were hot for quite a while and doing well," Anderson said. "Then all of a sudden our bats just turned off."

"We have done a lot of young stuff," Anderson said. "We know we are going face good pitching, but we just have to find a way to win and right now we are not."

The 'Cats have eight games left before they attempt to turn things around before the MIAA tournament on May 5 in Overland Park, Kan.

"We have four big double-headers coming up and we need to really get to where we were earlier three weeks ago with hitting, pitching and defense," Anderson said.

The 'Cats travel to Truman State for a 3 p.m. double-header Friday in Kirksville, Mo.

SENIOR PITCHER JAYSON Huett slings a ball in the 'Cats' win over Nebraska-Omaha Tuesday, April 12. Huett picked up his sixth save of the season in the 'Cats' 3-1 game one win over Pittsburg State.

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Pitching leads drastic second-half turnaround

By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

The winning streak is over, but the second half of the season has yielded nine wins in 11 games, putting the Bearcat baseball team back in the hunt for the postseason.

Northwest's seven-game win streak was snapped in the final game of the weekend series with Pittsburg State.

The 'Cats won Saturday's games in thrilling fashion. In game one, Northwest trailed 5-4 going into the bottom of the seventh before back-to-back doubles by sophomore

shortstop Cameron Bedard and redshirt freshman pinch hitter Charlie Krueger. An RBI single by junior catcher Landinn Eckhardt completed the comeback.

Junior second baseman Alec Rosales led the offense, going 2-for-4 with three RBI.

Senior Jayson Huett got the win, his fourth of the year, after coming on in relief of sophomore Chase Anderson in the fifth inning.

There was no need for a rally in game two as the 'Cats put together a couple of big innings, dispatching the Gorillas early, by being up by 10 runs after the sev-

enth inning.

Northwest scored five runs in the first and added on four more in the third to build an insurmountable lead, giving junior Josh Parrish his first victory in a Bearcat uniform.

Three relievers combined to preserve the shutout while the bats added a run in the fifth and sixth innings.

Bedard went a perfect 4-for-4 at the plate with an RBI and two runs scored.

The Bearcats' bats stayed hot early in game three as Northwest took a 2-0 lead after the first inning on the way to a 3-1 victory.

Senior Kenny Brengle improved to 4-2 on the season and Huett picked up his sixth save of the year.

The defense struggled for the 'Cats in the final game of the series, as four errors helped account for three unearned runs by the Gorillas.

The 'Cats took on Nebraska-Omaha on Wednesday, making up a double-header from earlier in the season. Results were unavailable as of press time.

Northwest hits the road this weekend for a four-game series with Washburn. First pitch is set for 4 p.m. Friday in Topeka, Kan.

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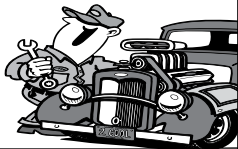
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2011 needs plenty of applause

By Tony Botts
Sports Editor

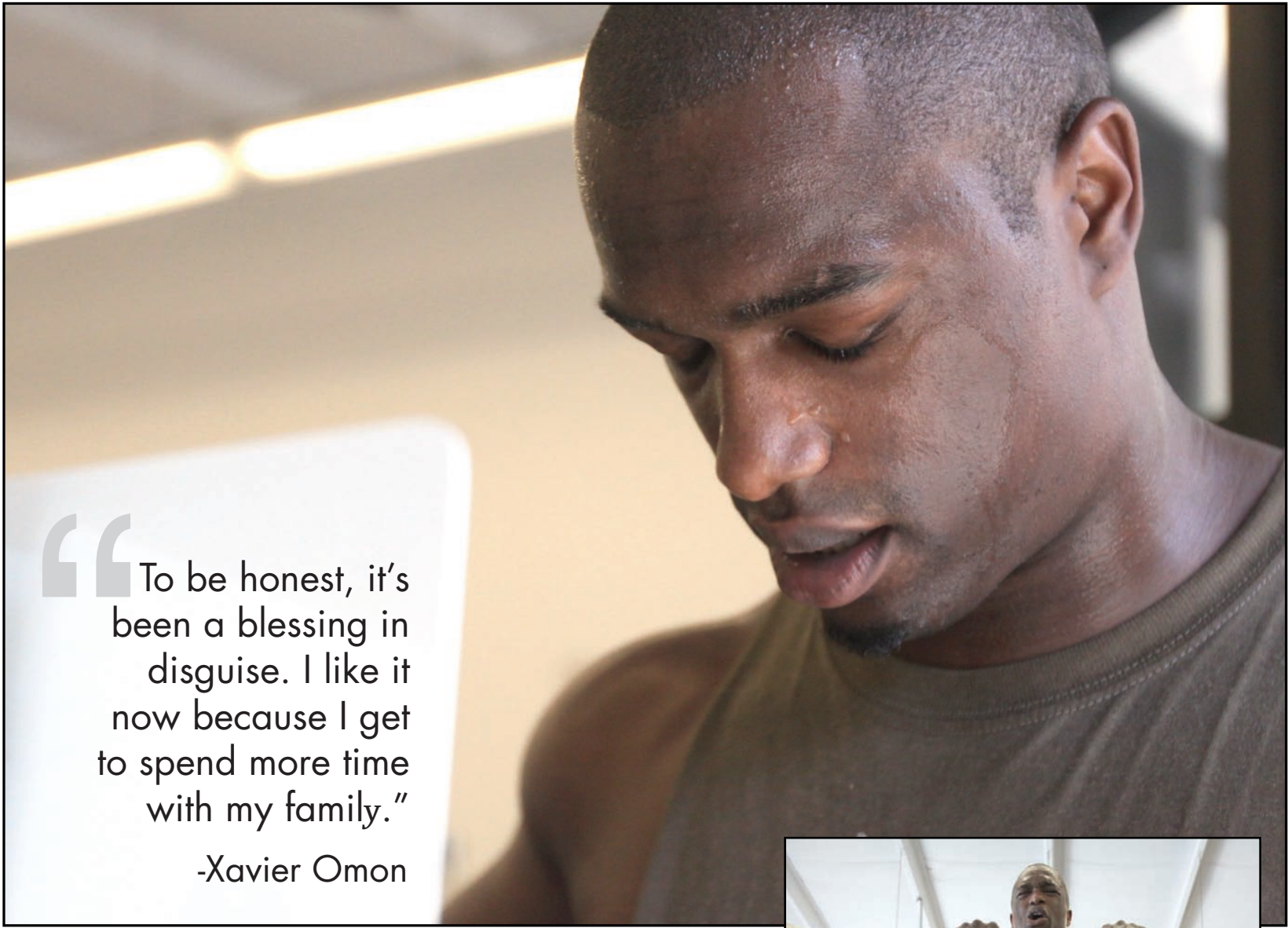
This past year’s worth of sports in Maryville wasn’t wrapped in national championship banners. Instead, it was filled with last second, game-winning field goals, legendary retirements and fresh faces. The biggest story line of the year, hands down, may also have been the hardest to embrace. After 17 years at the helm of arguably one of the best Division II football programs in the nation, head coach Mel Tjeerdsma announced his tearful retirement.

Surrounded by his family, coaching staff, current and former players and a room filled with the Maryville community, Coach T turned over the program and its tradition to the man who weathered all 17 seasons along side of the Hall of Fame coach.

New head coach Scott Bostwick has already left his mark on the program. As Bostwick takes his place as the new face of the ‘Cats, he will unveil the new look of the Bearcat football program this fall. Unfortunately, the Bearcats didn’t defend last year’s football championship, but instead left fans sitting on the edges of their seats week in and week out. Rather fitting, the Cardiac ‘Cats were born.

From the first Missouri Western game, when Northwest sent Jerry Partridge and Gang back to St. Joseph with their tails between their legs, to the Washburn game, where an unlikely hero, linebacker Bill Baudler, saved the day

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Silver lining in dark clouds

Former tail back finds positives during NFL lockout, prepares for opportunity

By Tony Botts
Sports Editor

Job security comes easy for someone with a hand filled with Super Bowl rings, a bank account filled with years’ worth of MVP salaries and an undisputed knack for winning, and often. The swagger that comes with all the riches and glory is what makes a certain player “The Man.” Unfortunately, former Northwest running back Xavier Omon is not “The Man.” At this point of his young NFL career, his resume and career would be better fitted for the title “that guy.” “That guy” is a broad category to be lumped into, but Omon’s journey through the NFL also resembles that of many who have come before him. Following one of the most successful college careers for any running back, Omon has seen few chances to breakout in the brief stints he has spent with four professionals

teams. However, the Beatrice, Neb. native is out to change that. Now a member of the San Francisco 49ers, Omon is faced with a new frustration: the NFL lockout. “It’s unfortunate. You want to be out there, working out with your teammates and having fun,” Omon said. “The worst part about it (is) I’m with the 49ers so we have a new coaching staff,” Omon said. “Everybody is new, we don’t know any plays. Basically, we’re kind of worried about going into next season, if there is a season, being behind the other 31 teams in the NFL.” During a time when players would normally be working closely with team trainers and coaches during optional workouts and mini-camps, Omon is in St. Joseph, Mo., living with his fiancé, former Northwest basketball player Lauren Williams, and his two-year-old daughter Emery. “To be honest, it’s been a blessing in disguise,” Omon said. “I like it now because I get to spend more time with my family. I’m back home, working out and I get to spend time with my daughter when I’d usually be out (in



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NORTHWEST RECORD HOLDER Xavier Omon fights his way through a workout on the inclined treadmill Monday.

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FRESHMAN PHILLIP HULTQUIST returns the ball to his Graceland University opponent at Wednesday’s match at the Frank Grube Tennis Courts.

Men grab No. 1 MIAA seed

By Bryce Mereness
Chief Sports Reporter

When Northwest’s match with the Mavericks of Nebraska-Omaha was cancelled, the Bearcats kept their perfect conference record alive and claimed the outright MIAA championship. Senior Malcolm Harrison led a large group of seniors through the year. Harrison amassed a 33-1 record this season, good enough for the school record for most wins in a year. “It doesn’t mean anything right now,” Harrison said. “I think when I look back on the season I’ll be able to reflect on that more, but right now it means absolutely nothing. We still have a lot of work to do. It’s like a whole new season when you start the playoffs

and postseason.” The MIAA championship is the 17th in school history. The championship gives Northwest the No. 1 seed at the MIAA Tournament on Friday and Saturday. The Bearcats will face the winner of Nebraska-Omaha and Emporia State at 11 a.m. Friday in Kansas City. “I think we’ll do well,” Harrison said. “It’s pretty much expected for us to win. I expect us to win. It’s kind of get there, mentally be ready to take care of business and move on.” Harrison, seniors Giovanni Auricchio, Daniel Quesada, Vijit Sehgal and Sureena Weir were honored at a ceremony for Senior Day on Tuesday. Harrison said he was motivated to improve throughout his career. “I want to win,” Harrison

said. “That’s the thing – the competitive nature and drive is what fuels me to do what I do. I’m also just excited about how good of a tennis player I can be. I think you just try to improve every match – regardless of whether you win or lose. If you can do those types of things that’s what keeps you hungry.” “I feel like the day you feel like you can’t improve any more then that’s the day you should probably stop doing whatever you’re doing. I have so many areas where I need to improve and every match is an opportunity to work toward that.” The women earned the No. 4 seed in the MIAA Tournament. Nebraska-Omaha awaits in the first round for the Bearcats at 10 a.m. Thursday.



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